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News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



Xi Focus: China reaffirms commitment to green development

May 13th, Xinhua News - While checking the ecological protection work of the Fenhe River in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, during his inspection tour, President Xi Jinping expressed his satisfaction with the tremendous changes made to the ecological environment along the river and stressed the importance of green development. This is not the first time that Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, voiced his concern over the environment along the Fenhe River. [FULLARTICLE](#)



China's Emerging Policies for Emissions Reductions

May 19th, Resources Magazine - Rather than employing a cap-and-trade model with a hard limit on emissions, China has opted for a "tradable performance standard," which sets a ratio of emissions to output that individual firms have to meet. While the standard is not as efficient as more typical models, it stands to significantly reduce emissions once it expands beyond the power sector—without necessarily curbing China's economic growth. [FULLARTICLE](#)



China launches crackdown on food, medicine, environment crimes

May 12th, Xinhua News - China's Ministry of Public Security has launched a campaign to crack down on crimes related to people's livelihoods, including those on food, medicine, environment and wildlife. The ministry called on public security organs across the country to focus on busting dens, arresting gangs and destroying criminal networks, and closely integrate their efforts with the ongoing national campaign against organized and gang-related crimes. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



Chinese county brings rare birds back to the wild, farmers out of poverty

May 18th, CTGN - Efforts to bring a rare bird back from the verge of extinction in northwest China has unintentionally given a rural community a new lease for life. No hunting, no logging, no quarrying and no pesticide using – these might seem like stifling requirements for farmers trying to claw their way out of poverty. But the strict regulations, in place to save the endangered crested ibises, were in fact conducive to a change of fortunes for residents of Yangxian, a county in Hanzhong of Shaanxi Province – a living proof that ecological restoration and economic prosperity don't have to be mutually exclusive. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



Advisory body eyes 'green' consumption vouchers

May 20th, China Daily - As local governments turn to consumer vouchers to revive economies battered by COVID-19, the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), a high-level international advisory body for the Chinese government, saw a golden opportunity to promote the country's ecological progress by making use of such vouchers to leverage green consumption. Aside from stimulating the economy, "green" consumer vouchers boast of long-lasting significance in facilitating the country's transformation to low-carbon and high-quality development. [FULLARTICLE](#)



Harvesting vegetables with 'sand-to-earth' tech on South China Sea island beach

May 19th, Global Times - Chinese navy garrisoned on an island in the Xisha Islands of the South China Sea recently harvested 750 kilogram of vegetables on sandy beaches for the first time, using technology which experts said could support communities on islands. Seven kinds of vegetables, including Pakchoi cabbage, lettuce and baby Chinese cabbage, were harvested on a "sand to earth" experimental field on Yongxing Island in Sansha city, South China's Hainan Province. [FULLARTICLE](#)



China shifting aquaculture production to higher-value species

May 14th, Sea Food Source - China's government is supporting the development of new state-of-the-art aquaculture facilities with the intent of modernizing the sector. Adding a component of environmental responsibility to its development efforts, Red Flag Modern Fisheries Industrial Park is part of a broader CNY 6.71 billion (USD 939 million, EUR 872 million) investment by Rizhao over three years to restore 21.8 kilometers of shoreline and restore more than 6,000 acres of wetlands. The repair rate of damaged shorelines will reach 95 percent. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



China enters a new low-sulphur shipping era

May 13th, Eco-Business - The global shipping industry is shifting to low-sulphur fuel in response to global calls for cleaner shipping. At the start of the year, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) lowered the sulphur content limit in ships' fuel oil from 3.5 per cent to 0.5 per cent. China has been monitoring shipping within its waters for compliance with the new rules. [FULLARTICLE](#)